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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/9/01
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Veeneman(US Pat. No: 5,754,981)(Veeneman-1) in view of Veeneman(US Pat. No: 5,774,874)(Veeneman-2).

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2. As per claims 1-20 Veeneman-1 teaches a method of giving gifts by means of a communications network(Abstract)(Fig 4).Veeneman-1 also teaches entering information about the registrant(Fig 5/72) and scanning of bar codes of gift items to develop a database(Fig 5/80). Veeneman-1 also teaches receiving indication of the receiver and printing of a gift certificate(Fig 5/92) as well as receiving the gift certificate(Fig 5/94).Veeneman-1 also teaches identifying the registrant(Fig 7/110) and providing access to the gift buyer to obtain information(Fig 7/112) as well as selection of gifts (Fig 7/118) and updating information in the gift registry apparatus(Fig 7/120).Veeneman-1 also teaches providing access to the gift buyer to obtain gift choices(Fig 8/112) as well as the user selecting gifts(Fig 8/124) and correlating information to make the gift acquisition(Fig 8/132). Veeneman-1 teaches anniversary dates(Fig 10A/140). Veeneman-1 also teaches the bride's name and the groom's name(Fig 10A/140) and the address(Fig 10A/142) as well as the wedding year(Fig 10B/152) and wedding date(Fig 10C/162).Veeneman-1 also teaches a gift list(Fig 10D/160) as well as quantities requested or desired and how many acquired at a specified point in time(Fig 10D/160).Veeneman-1 also teaches a gift number(Fig 10E/178) and deletion of the gift or altering the quantity of the gift(Fig 10E/176) as well

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as the recipient scanning bar codes of items wished to receive as gifts(Fig 10F).In addition to that taught by Veeneman-1, Veeneman-2 teaches a multi-merchant gift registry(Abstract)(col 3 lines 6-15). Veeneman-2 teaches individual gift registries(Fig 10A/136) as well as wedding dates by month(Fig 10B/146) by date(Fig 10B/150) and by year(Fig 10B/152).Veeneman-2 also teaches gift lists(Fig 10D/160) as well as gift numbers(Fig 10E/178) as well as a shopping mall having a gift registry apparatus in the mall among many businesses(Fig 13). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Veeneman-1 in view of Veeneman-2 and to apply them also to celebration of births to teach the disclosure. The motivation to combine is to teach an online gift network that permits the registration of items selected from a plurality of participating merchants for subsequent communication to a prospective purchaser as enunciated by Veeneman-2(col 1 lines 64-67).

Conclusion

3. THIS ACTION IS MADE NON-FINAL.

4. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's superior, Mr. Vincent Millin, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1065.

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March 30, 2004

DR. GEOFFREY R. AKERS, P.E.
PRIMARY EXAMINER